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REPORT M'KAY HYLAN'S CHOICE TO HEAD POLICE

U. S. Ordnance Major in Washington Said to Be Slated for Job.

HELD POST 3 YEARS AGO

Tammany and War Department Agreeable to Appointment, Say Wiseacres.

Information reached THE SUN last might that Major Douglas I. McKay, who DIAZ MENACES Mitchel during the figst five months of of Mayor-elect Hylan for the head of he Police Department. Major McKay is at present attached to the ordnance department in Washington.

It is understood that a representative of Judge Hylan has broached the subset to Major McKay and that he is willing to accept provided the War Department will consent. It was strongly inmated last night that the Washington dministration looks with favor on the oposed appointment and will place no bstacles in the Major's way.

While Tammany is adhering strictly to its policy of leaving this most important place entirely to the discretion of the new Mayor, Major McKay's selec-tion would be favorably received by the hemocratic leaders. During his brief secupancy of the Commissionership he won approval for his methods in hanor the affairs of the department.

Honor Man at West Point.

Major McKay was born in New York thirty-five years ago. He entered West Point in 1901 from the Twenty-second Cangressional district. He was graduated four years later at the top of his class. In 1907 he resigned from the army to become the head of New York's Aqueduct police, remaining there until 1911, when Commissioner Waldo appointed him a Deputy Police Commissioner. On January 1, 1914, the day Mayor Mitchel assumed office, he made Major McKay Commissioner, a post he held for five months, and then left of his own accord after making many popular reforms in the department.

The only other contender for Police Commissioner so far as is known is charles E. Gehring, formerly head of the Independence League. Mr. Gehring's indorsements for this place, numbering several hundred, iscluding that of William R. Hearst, were presented to discuss the probable head of the department.

Judge Hylan tast night declined to discuss the probable head of the department, but did discuss police matters, placing himself squarely on record against the present merit system of the British because of the perpetual threats against the British oil supplies at Tames. Major McKay was born in New York

count on the ultimate support of President Wilson.

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There is no justification whatever at this time for assuming that President Wilson will countenance any support for a movement directed at the constituted Government of Mexico under Pirst Chief Carranza. Reports that German seringular desired a mission of the tendency under such a plan is, naturally, to make a felony charge when the offence could be proposity considered a missdemeanor. Under this system our courts have been logged with many unnecessary cases, browing an extra burden on the tax-system for additional that on the tax-system our courts have been logged with many unnecessary cases, browing an extra burden on the tax-system of additional that on the tax-system of the tax-system of

peace, and if he performs a really critorious act, such as capturing a minial red handed, then giving him toper credit for that. The real test of

Telephone Rates Excessive.

Another matter which the Judge in-cated yesterday he intended to pay uch attention to after he assumes fire is the telephone rates in Greater New York. Through his representative, Cornelius M. Sheehan of Brooklyn, he stated yesterday that he believed the present telephone rates are excessive and should be reduced. Mr. Sheehan ap-beared before the up-State Public Ser-vice Commission in the Hall of Records resterday, that body having jurisdiction over all telephone companies, and required the commission to authorize public hearings on this matter after January I so Judge Hylan could present his views. The commission took no action, but will take the matter up at its next meeting, December 13. The qualifications of F. H. Cowles, a

New York business man who has been interested for years in fire prevention work, for the office of Fire Commisloner, were urged on Judge Hylan yes-erday by a delegation of Mr. Cowles's

U. S. STAND PLEASES SWISS.

Neutrality Pledge Kills Unrest German Agenta Aroused.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Formal assurance by the United States of its intention acrupulously to respect Swiss
neutrality has given the keenest satisfaction in Switzerland, according to despatches reaching Washington.

The declaration by the American Govenment was regarded there as having
compictely neutralised the insidious
efforts of German propagandists to lead
the Swiss people to believe that the
United States intended to send troops
through their country to attack the German flank.

Kerensky in a Letter Calls Radicals "Fools."

PETROGRAD, Dec. 6.-The social revolutionary newspa-paper Dielonaroda (The People's Work) pumlished a letter from Kerensky, the former Premier, in which the following passages

"Do you not see that your frankness is being made use of and that you are being deceived? You were promised peace with the Germans within three days. Where is it? Where is the liberty which was promised you?

erty which was promised you?

"It is dishonorable, infamous.
Fools! It is I, Kerensky, who tell you this. For eight months I safeguarded the liberty of the people and the future happiness of the masses of workers. Now they realize that when I was in power liberty was—and democpower liberty was and democ racy really existed."

ble administration, and before that a CARRANZA RULE

Leads Pro-Ally Revolutionary Movement Against First

No Sign Wilson Will .Change Attitude, Despite Germans' Ascendency There.

Special Desputch to Tan Sen. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. - Advices received in Latin American diplomatic cir-

is drifting toward another crisis.

cles indicate that the situation in Mexico

Germans really are using him to further to have their propaganda schemes and to make matter. There is the couple wherever they can.

Banditing Rules Along Border.

The first thought of Mexican revolu-tionists always has been "How can we gain support from the United States?" The first thought of Mexican revolu-tionists always has been "How can we tain support from the United States?" Formerly it was financial support and rifles, but now it is political or moral support that is sought. The friendliness of the pro-Germans for Carransa has led to the assumption that a revolutionary. to the assumption that a revolutionary closest advisers, it became known to-leader could capitalize pro-ally sentiment day, are strongly in favor of the Presi-dat this stage. Apparently Felix Diaz is following this plan.

The situation in Mexico is undoubtedly guarantee

The President is believed to be adher-ing to his policy of patience and unself-ishness with regard to Mexico in general and Carranza in particular. Unless Germans succeed in persuading Carranza to overstep all bounds there is little likelihood that the United States will depart from its policy of assisting him to maintain law and order and to

put his Government on a beneficial foot-

ng in every practical way.

JOHN D., JR., WILL ROUGH IT IN CAMP To Spend Two Weeks in Y. M. C. A. Work at Dix.

BILLION A YEAR AS FEDERAL AID

Committee of Executives Tells Newlands That Sum Is Imperative.

WILSON WILL FIX PLAN

Confers With Commerce Board and McAdoo-Special Message Likely.

Special Despatch to Tan Sun. the way in which the railways shall be operated during the war now rests with President Wilson. The word that will Administration Said to Opcome from the White House will be accepted by Congress, and whatever plan the President gives his approval to

Pro-Ally Revolutionary

Nement Against First

Chief.

CRISIS IN MEXICO

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The Commissioners who conferred with him were Chairman Hail, Commissioner Meyer, who has been investigating car shortage, and Commissioner Clark, who attended the conference of railroad executives, at which the railroads peoling plan was drawn up.

Keeping an Open Mind.

No statement was made after this conference, but it was intimated that the President was keeping an open mind the President was keeping an open mind and merely proceeding, as he usually does, to inform himself thoroughly be-fore mapping out his plan of action. Immediately after the conference with the three Commissioners, the President sent for Secretary McAdóo. It is under-stood that the railways were the sub-ject of a long talk between them. Members of the Railroad War Board, consisting of Fairfax Harrison, president

Members of the Railroad War Board, consisting of Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive board of the Southern Pacific; Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, and Howard Elliott of the New Haven, conferred to-day with Senator Newlands, the Inversitate Commerce ferred to-day with denator Newlands, chairman of the Inverstate Commerce

trol. He counts on the support of the British because of the perpetual threats against the British oil supplies at Tamplico which come from German inspired sources in Mexico, and he is said to count on the ultimate support of President Wilson.

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form of Government control with a guarantee that would insure railroad security holders of a fair return during Government operation. Some of those who hold this view take the ground that the railroads have shown the incapacity to handle themselves. railroads are standing on three and they need a fourth," was the mark made by one of this group.

Government Control Likely.

These advisers of the President in the past have been most influential and there is some likelihood that their views may prevail. On the other hand are known to fear that actual Govern-ment control of the railroads at this time would be too radical a step to take, at least until the other plan presented by the Interstate Commission had been tried out. plan would involve the repeal of all the anti-pooling laws, but would leave the control absolutely with the railroads

That the men upon whom the Presi-dent relies for much advice are those who are advocating the Government con-

The deciaration by the American Government was regarded there as having completely neutralized the insidious efforts of German propagandists to lead the Swiss people to believe that the United States intended to send troops through their country to attack the German fiank.

FOUR FRENCH SHIPS SUEK.

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RAILROADS ASK HALIFAX EXPLOSION KILLS 2,000; CRASH BLOWS UP MUNITION SHIP; 2 SQUARE MILES OF CITY WRECKED

CONGRESS ACTS ON WAR TO-DAY

Vote Certain in Both Houses Unless Unexpected Debate Is Precipitated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Decision as to AUSTRIA ALONE IS NAMED

pose Including Bulgaria and Turkey at This Time.

Special Desputch to THE SEN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- Unless totally unexpected opposition develops in the Senate at the last minute, Congress Will have declared war on Austria before adjournment to-morrow. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously adopted to-day a war resolution and the House gave unanimous consent for the consideration of the war declaration resolution immediately after the routine business is out of the way to-morrow.

The resolution as reported by the Senate committee differs slightly from the resolution unanimously adopted yesterday by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The House resolution states in the preamble the cause for the war. This the Senate resolution omits. The House resolution would make the war. This the Senate resolution omits.
The House resolution would make the war declaration effective from noon of yesterday. The Senate resolution is framed so that the state of war would exist from the moment of adoption of the resolution by Congress.

The House resolution declares it probable that the United States soon will be

Only One Resolution Likely.

supplies to Italy.

sending troops, as well as money and

Chairman Flood of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said to-day that in spite of these technical differences it forces he can control and refer to offers of financial backing, with arrangements of financial backing, with arrangements to assist him in every way when the time is ripe. At least one of the South American Governments regards this move as likely to have a decisive effect on the Mexican situation in the near future.

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the 1918 traffic.

The railroads for some time have contended that a billion dollars a year for ten years should be expended on them if the transportation plants were to be brought up to the requirements of traffic.

Senator Newlands recently has expressed himself as favoring extension of large credits to the railways by the glovenment. He recently set the figure for Government financial aid as high as a billion dollars per annum. To-day he was not specific on this point, however.

Chairman Newlands is to have another of the final vote until Saturday. Long winded opposition to the overwhelming sentiment for the war declaration—a possibility from some of the pacific other conference with the railroad heads of the past—also might cause some defined that a billion dollars per annum. To-day he contended that a billion dollars per annum. To-day he contended that a billion dollars per annum and will then have a con-

It was indicated at the State Depart-

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discovered by the Administration.

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sense of backing the German cause or
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pro-Germans to rally around his stand
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is virtually dominating Carranza's prestant the German Legation in There is every expectation here that of the President he would submerge the President shortly will give his de-cision as to whether the Government that dictated a war declaration on Aus shall take over the railroads or allow them to operate the pooling plan themselves and that this decision will be in the form of a special message to Congress. "I confidently predict that before many weeks have passed the President will come and are

Resolution of Senate. The resolution of the Senate committee

Whereas the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian Government has committed repeated acts of war

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Soldiers Find Smokes Better Than Medicine.

TOBACCO from THE SUN Fund has reached some of base hospitals in France and my, how it is welcome! One of the sergeants writes back: "Smokes are the great enjoy-

ment of a soldier, especially the hospitals. Then one's troub-les go up in smoke. In fact, one has a few pipe dreams about good old U. S. A." Of the shipment of tobacco to the front, a Captain in the

Quartermaster Corps says:
"Acts like this that make the men happy, or as nearly happy as they can be while over here. Also, they make all of us proud of the fact that we are Americans and citizens of the greatest nation in the world, the U. S. A."

Read these and some other messages from Over There on

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Cecil Denies Treaty Against the Holy See

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Lord Rob-ert Cecil, Minister of Blockade in the House of Commons to-day, denied that England and France had entered into any treaty or understanding to sup-port Italy against the Holy See if the Vatican attempted to if the Vatican attempted to take steps toward peace. Asked why no reply to the Pope's note was made by England, France or Italy, he said:

"The British, French and Italian Covernments considered."

ian Governments considered no reply necessary beyond that re-turned by President Wilson."

WILSON'S PRICE POLICY SOUGHT

No Legislation Until He Declares Wishes, Say Congressional Leaders.

BROAD LAWS PLANNED

South Sure to Fight to Keep Present High Cotton Quotations.

Special Despatch to THE SEN WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- The President is confronted with the problem of defining his views and likewise his wishes as to Government price fixing for the period of the war before legislation can be attempted on this all important sub-

united in the judgment that until some headquarters in France sends the following:

"Gen. Byng has realized Napoleon's definition of a General's greatest quality out complete understanding that such a step is at the direction and command of the Breathers."

The Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France sends the following:

"Gen. Byng has realized Napoleon's definition of a General's greatest quality—to know when to retreat and do it."

"We have failen hack deliberately and successfully upon a well chosen line.

the American nation is proceeding under a dual economic system. In other words, prices for wheat and coal are fixed by Government regulation and prices of everything else by the law of supply and

The result, it is claimed by the legislators, leaves room for price fluctuations in every article of use in the production of wheat and coal as well as of the necessaries of life of those persons engaged in these two industries. Chamberlain (Ore.),

acted as Administration spokesman when the food administration bill was before

prices on an extensive list of necessary sach. German airplanes on Wednesday commodities naturally will be presented, night raided Dunkirk, where several this will be a question for Congress to casualties are reported, and Calais, decide.

decide.

It presents also many opportunities for trading, "log rolling" and temporary alliances of the various interests of the come and ask that we declare nation as r on Bulgaria and Turkey," Mr. Mil- of Congress declare | nation as represented in the two houses

South to Fight for High Cotton. Senator Borah (Idaha), who fathered a broad price fixing programme while the food administration law was in the making, said to-night that he favored a comprehensive measure framed

along the broadest lines if any further effort was to be made toward fixing In the House the prospective price fixing legislation is giving the leaders deepest concern. It is felt that no gen-eral price fixing scheme which will not include a definite regulation of the not include a definite regulation of the price of cotton can be acceptable generally throughout the United States. It is realized that the cotton producing States of the South, with their pronounced views on the subject of the need for maintenance of prices at stupendously high levels, will not back their recognitions in any afformation of the price of the subject of the need for maintenance of prices at stupendously high levels, will not back their recognitions in any afformation of the Germans to-day had swarmed digging themselves in along the advanced line. But as late as 1:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon they were still shell-recognition. yesterday afternoon they were still shell-ing Bourlon Wood, and between noon and 1 o'clock they launched a heavy attack against the empty trenches near their representatives in any efforts to for the staple which in any

of their section.

LONDON, Dec. 6 .- In the course of a debate in the House of Commons to-day Henry E. Duke, Chief Secretary for Ire-land, said that Prof. Edward de Valera, the Sinn Fein leader, when in prisonafter the Dublin rising gave his birth place as New York. As there is no record of his having me a British subject, the Secretary lenge De Valera's election as member House for East Clare

LONDON, Dec. 6 .- The House of Com ment of conscientious objectors. This will continue for the duration of the

GRIP UPON LINE

Retirement Made Deliberately to Positions Chosen in Advance.

MOST OF THE GAIN HELD

Berlin Claims Three Mile Advance Over Front of Seven Miles.

LONDON. Dec. 6 .- Reports persist that he Germans are still rushing heavy reenforcements into the Cambral sector and apparently have not given up hope of recovering the ground won by Gen. Byng in his famous drive last week There was sharp fighting yesterday evening and last night about La Vacquerie on the south side of the salient, in which the British advanced their line slightly.

The withdrawal of the British from the untenable part of the salient on the north side, near Bourion Wood, which was effected quietly on Tuesday night was discovered yesterday by the Germans, who announce to-day the capture of Graincourt, Anneux, Cantaing, Noy elles and the wood and heights north o

Claims Made by Berlin.

Berlin asserts that the German line has been advanced to a depth of almost taken by them has increased to more than 9,000 and of guns to 148. The British are said to have destroyed vil-lages and to have retired to the heights north and east of Flasquires. The new Senatorial opinion, while at variance as to the desirability of the enactment of a general price fixing measure, is

out complete understanding that such a step is at the direction and command of the President.

Without such direction and command, the leaders said to-day, such chaos would be precipitated in both houses of Congress that the Administration undoubtedly will find the greatest difficulty in obtaining any price fixing legislation whatever.

any pressure."
"The territory we abandoned is probably less than one-third of the total gained in Gen. Byng's great tank drive.
The work of destroying everything valuable to the enemy was very thoroughly

The British statement on the retire-

On the night of Tuesday our troops holding the salient formed by our po-sitions in the neighborhood of Noyelles-Sur-L'Escaut and Bourlon Wood were withdrawn a short distance to a position southwest of these localities. The withdrawal was made successfully without interference from the enemy, who until a late hour Prior to the withdrawal the enemy's

field works in the abandoned area were systematically destroyed.

Further hostile attacks yesterday ening in the neighborhood Vacquerie were repulsed. Local fight-ing continued in this locality during the night. Southwest of the village our line has been advanced slightly.

LINE IS WITHDRAWN.

Mocuvres, showing that they were un-certain of the situation even then. The successful manner of the with-drawal places it in the category of a 'NEW YORKER' IN PARLIAMENT had the Germans become aware that it was impending grave losses might have resulted to the retiring troops. The question of abandoning the sallent must have been under careful consideration have been under careful consideration for some time.
Wednesday's retirement cannot be

designated as a retreat, for there is no reason to believe that the British could not have maintained themselves there. However, the position was not desirable and it would have cost the lives of too many men to have held on to the sharp satient, which could be swept by enemy gunfire from several directions.

The ground abandoned was cleared

thoroughly and not a gun or any other material appeared to have been Britain to Disfranchise Pacifists. were 'rendered temporarily untenable, so that the enemy would be forced to con-struct new defences and dugouts. The

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BYNG MAINTAINS Thousands More Injured, Shipping Is Destroyed and Millions of Dollars Property Damage Done in British Naval Base

DARTMOUTH, N. S., ALMOST GONE; FIRE SWEEPS DEVASTATED AREA

Relief Being Sent to Stricken City From All Parts of Canada and From United States --- Utter Darkness Prevails

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

HALIFAX, Dec. 6.—Confused whistle signals exchanged between the French munition ship Mont Blanc and the Norwegian steamship Imo, resulted this morning in a collision that caused an explosion which killed more than 2,000 persons, injured thousands and destroyed millions of dollars worth of property.

Five thousand tons of high explosives on board the Frenchman blew up with terrific force. Two square miles of the town of Halifax and the suburb of Richmond were shaken and devastated and a fire that followed completed the havoc that had already been begun. Ships in the harbor, among them the Canadian cruiser Niobe, were damaged. Two of the crew of the Niobe were killed and many more injured. The French steamship was coming into port and was

headed for Pier 8, one of the new piers constructed along the northern end of the water front. The Norwegian ship was outward bound. The Mont Blanc signalled that she was going to starboard. The Norwegian did not get the signal three miles over a front of almost seven going to starboard. The Norwegian did miles and that the number of prisoners correctly and rammed the munition ship.

There came at first a minor explosion and fire on board the Frenchman. Her crew took to the boats and escaped. Seventeen minutes after the first shock the entire 5,000 tons of high xplosives in her hold exploded. There is no shipping record of the Norwegian vessel by which she can be accurately identified.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 6 .- The estimate of the dead, which grew from 800 to 1,000 and then to 2,000, was made by Chief of Police Hanrahan after twenty-five wagons loaded with bodies had reached one morgue. All during the afternoon and night these wagons of the dead continued their journeys.

zation and in the dark, to get accurate darkened streets, and above all of the statements as to either the total num-

ber of killed or injured. By the uncer- the menace of fire came to sweep the tain light of lanterns rescue parties afflicted area and to put the finishing are hourly bringing new bodies from touches upon the work of destruction the ruins and are finding new cases

FIRE RAVAGES

Polsom Iron Works, Shipbuilding Yard, Has \$300,000 Fire.

several ance. The origin of the fire is a mys-

casualties are reported, and Calais, tery, where no one was injured. works, when asked about the number of it was into Pier 8 at 2 o'clock this aliens employed at the plant and whether morning that the Mont Blanc made her

engines and machinery which had been rect, straight blo wof the relief ship used in the construction of boats for amidships of the munified carrier, and thirty years. All were destroyed then an explosion and a fire. Before the thirty years. All were destroyed.

Reconstruction will be started at once.

FEW GRAIN CARRIERS LOST.

ships carrying wheat to this country ships carrying wheat to this country lost in September was 3.3, according to lost in September was 3.3, according to lost in September was 3.4, according to lost in September was 3.5, according to lost in Sept LONDON, Dec. 6 .- The percentage of

1,000 Tons, First of New Crop, to

Be Followed by More.

adopted was only 11, per cent.

Bodies of sailors are being taken From the North street railway starom the water. Relief parties are tion to Africville, to the northwest line of devastation threads its treme northern point of the jutting landscape that marks the position of Hallfax on the map, has suffered most From all sides the people of Canada and of the United States, spurred on by the War Departments of both countries, are rushing to the relief of

the stricken people. the stricken people.

Nova Scotia stands out at the eastern end of Canada like a huge pair of geographical brass knuckles offering an offensive and defensive front to the world. At the centre of the knuckles sits Hall-fax, a city of 50,000 famed as a ship-ping point and protected by a landlocked harbor. Here it was that the British stopped all oversea traffic bound for the the Senate, believes that the price fixing measure, if enacted at all, should be necessary in the President's power to regulate production price and distribution on such duction price and distribution on such articles or commodities as may in his judgment from time to time seem necessary.

Senator Chamberlain believes that while such a measure is under consideration the problem of fixing minimum the price and account of the problem of fixing minimum ments near Laon and depots at Rouspinger on an extensive list of necessary such. German airplanes on Wednesday in the problem of the problem of fixing minimum ments near Laon and depots at Rouspinger on an extensive list of necessary such. German airplanes on Wednesday in the problem of lay well to the north of the town's

centre of gravity

LINE IS WITHDRAWN.

Saliens employed at the plant and whether they might be responsible replied:
"I don't know. Remember we are at war."

Defence Works.

By the Associated Press.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE.
Dec. 6.—The British have withdrawn from the salient about Bourlon Wood to a prepared line which should make their position much stronger and more desirable in many ways. The retirement was carried out successfully, mainly between the hours of 13 and 4 of colock Wednesday morning and under cover of darkness. Not until many hours later did the enemy discover he was fashing evacuated territory.

The Germans to-day had swarmed

rect, straight blow of the relief ship Mont Blanc escaped. Horstly had they done so when the big mass of high explosives exploded with a roar that as Seven-tenths Per Cent. Destroyed the vibrations that followed tumbled In October, Parliament Learns, buildings as it progressed

The percentage of all incoming convoyed ships lost since the system was adopted was only 112 per cent.

Sugar refinery and elevator.

All business has been succeeded, adopted was only 112 per cent. are patrolling the city. Not a street car PORTO RICAN SUGAR COMING. Is moving and part of Halifax is in darkness to-night. All hospitals and many private houses are filled with in-fared. Temperary hospitals and morrous have been opened in school houses in the western section of the city. SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 6.—One thousand tons of sugar, the first of the new crop, is on its way to the United men comprising the crews of the ships Albert E. Lee, Federal Food Administrator, proposes prohibiting the sale of
refined sugar in the island and the use

forty-two were killed Bodies of many of other grades of sugar at a saving of seamen have been picked up in the a million dollars to the consumers. harbor. Hescue parties working among